

## Department of Veterans Affairs

## 837.7005

and no relatives or friends will claim the remains, and the municipal, county or State officials refuse to provide for final disposition, arrangements will be made and expenses assumed for burial locally under separate contractual agreement.

(b) When a full and complete funeral and burial service as prescribed in 837.7003 cannot be obtained by the contracting officer within the statutory allowance, he/she will, prior to taking any further action, secure from the facility director a written determination that the disposition of the remains must be accomplished by the Department of Veterans Affairs as an administrative necessity. The facility director will also authorize in writing the expenditure of such additional funds as may be necessary for this purpose. The amount of these additional funds will be held to the minimum, keeping in mind, however, that the deceased must

be given a proper and fitting interment.

(c) The determination and authorization by the facility director will be made a part of the contract file.

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### **837.7005 Unclaimed remains—all other cases.**

Requests for information on the disposition of the unclaimed remains of a veteran whose death occurs while not under the direct care or treatment of the Department of Veterans Affairs will be referred to the Veterans Services Officer for processing in accordance with Veterans Benefits Administration Manual M27-1, Part II. This manual is available at any Department of Veterans Affairs regional office, medical center or VA office.

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